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FOR EAGLEBURGER FROM MCMANAWAY

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: OVIP (KISSINGER, HENRY A.)

SUBJECT: FLOTSAM AND JETSAM

1. FY-78 BUDGET:

BRIEFED ROBINSON ON OUR FY-78 BUDGET AND HE HAD NO PROBLEMS. WE ARE NOW PROCEEDING TO MAKE THE SUBMISSION ON SCHEDULE TO OMB, AS WELL AS FOLLOW UP ON THE VARIOUS ACTIONS COMING OUT OF OUR REVIEW WITH YOU.

2. OMB MEETING:

BOB SAYRE AND I MET WITH OGILVIE TODAY BASICALLY TO DISCUSS THE ISSUE OF SPECIAL ALLOWANCES FOR OUR INSPECTORS. SEVERAL OTHER ISSUES CAME UP:

-- WE WERE NOT SUCCESSFUL ON THE ALLOWANCES QUESTION AND INDEED I CAME AWAY CONVINCED THAT OMB IS RIGHT ON THIS ONE. OGILVIE'S VIEW IS THAT THIS WOULD NEVER REPEAT NEVER SURVIVE THE CONGRESS AND WOULD INDEED TURN INTO SOMETHING OF A FIASCO. THE PART I HAD GREAT DIFFICULTY JUSTIFYING IN MY MIND WAS SPECIAL ALLOWANCES TO ENABLE INSPECTORS TO CONFIDENTIAL

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HAVE THEIR WIVES ACCOMPANY THEM ON TRIPS (AND THIS WAS

46 PERCENT OF THE REIMBURSEMENTS MADE OVER THE PAST YEAR TO INSPECTORS). HOWEVER, OGILVIE IS SYMPATHETIC TO THE PROBLEM AND WE ARE NOW CONSIDERING WHETHER OR NOT TO GO

BACK TO OMB WITH A PROPOSAL FOR SPECIAL BONUSES FOR INSPECTORS.

-- REFUGEE SUPPLEMENTAL:

OMB IS NOW CONCERNED IT MAY BE TOO LATE TO GO FORWARD WITH THIS SUPPLEMENTAL. CLEARLY IF WE ARE TO PROCEED WITH IT, I WILL NEED THE WORD FROM YOU RIGHT AWAY. IT WOULD BE USEFUL TO HAVE A DECISION ONE WAY OR THE OTHER.

3. EUR:

HARTMAN HAS A RECLAMA IN WRITING RE THE DECISION ON HIS FY-78 BUDGET SUBMISSION NOT TO ALLOW HIS SIX-POSITION INCREASE. JUDGING FROM THE LANGUAGE IN HIS RECLAMA, HARTMAN IS SUFFICIENTLY EXERCISED TO POSSIBLY APPROACH ROBINSON OR EVEN TO BOTHER YOU. I HAVE NO INTENTION OF HONORING THE RECLAMA, BUT IT MIGHT PROVE USEFUL TO ME TO HAVE A QUICK CABLE FROM YOU INDICATING THAT YOU WILL NOT REVERSE YOUR DECISION.

4. BAR-ON:

THE MATTER YOU DISCUSSED WITH BAR-ON BEFORE LEAVING IS IN HAND. SHOULD BE RESOLVED BEFORE YOUR RETURN.

- 5. LETTERS FROM THE SECRETARY ON THE HIJACKING:
 HECK HAS PREPARED AND EGAN AND I HAVE REVIEWED THE
 MESSAGES OF APPRECIATION TO VARIOUS PERSONS ON THE
 HIJACKING WHICH WE DISCUSSED BEFORE YOU LEFT. THEY WILL
 COME TO YOU BY SEPTEL FROM EGAN.
- 6. THE FBI HAS REQUESTED COPIES OF TRAVEL MESSAGES REGARDING CONGRESSMEN ADDABBO, LEGGETT, PASSMAN, AND ALBERT. THOMAS HAS AGREED TO TURN THESE OVER, WITH THE EXCEPTION OF CAPTIONED MESSAGES WHICH WILL BE CLEARED WITH S/S.
- 7. THE WHITE HOUSE HAS APPROVED AND AGREMENT REQUESTS CONFIDENTIAL

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HAVE GONE OUT ON SMITH (GHANA), LAINGEN (MALTA) AND CROSBY (MALAGASY). NORLAND'S REQUEST DID NOT COME BACK, BUT THERE IS NO REPEAT NO INDICATION OF ANY PROBLEM.

 $8.\;$ AS YOU CAN SEE FROM THE LONG LIST ABOVE, THINGS ARE QUIET HERE. CHEERS. ROBINSON

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